THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the Ministry of Tourism & Culture, which looks after the monument, has reported that there is no encroachment in Zauq's tomb area in Paharganj, Delhi. ASI has further reported that after the declaration of "Zauq ki mazaar" as monument of national importance in 2000AD, action for demolition of unauthorised construction in the prohibited area, has already been taken by them.

Shortage of water supply in Dwarka sub-city

639. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an acute shortage of water supply in the various housing colonies in Dwarka sub-city in South West Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the position has since improved; and

(d) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to address the problem of acute scarcity of water supply on a permanent footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that during the month of August till mid September, 2003 there was water shortage throughout South-West Delhi including Dwarka sub-city. This was on account of heavy rains which resulted in large quantity of silt/ turbidity in the raw water which adversely affected the efficiency of the Nangloi Treatment Plant from where bulk supply of water is made by Delhi Jal Board to Dwarka sub-city. However, the position has improved thereafter.

(d) To augment the water supply in Dwarka, Delhi Jal Board has planned to set up a 40 Million Gallons per day (MGD) Water Treatment Plant at Dwarka. Raw water for this plant will be available from the saving of seepage losses of water after the construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant for which the work has been taken in hand by the Government of Haryana and which will take about 3 years for completion.